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Representative LaKeshia Myers Issues Statement on the Passing of Reverend Dr. C.T. Vivian

MADISON – Today, in response to the passing of civil rights leader, Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian, Representative LaKeshia Myers (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement:

“I was saddened to learn of the passing of civil rights icon Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian. Dr. Vivian was a prominent leader in the modern civil rights movement. Having led demonstrations to desegregate Nashville, Tennessee businesses while a student at American Baptist Theological Seminary, his dedication to nonviolent social resistance served as a model for scores of activists then and now. Dr. Vivian’s belief that education is an equalizer for communities of color, led to his founding of the Vision Program, which sent hundreds of African American students to college with scholarships. Dr. Vivian’s Vision Program served as the model for Upward Bound, a national program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. Vivian’s life was one of service—service to both culture and community. He will be missed by all that knew him personally and those who admired him from afar. I send my sincerest condolences to Dr. Vivian’s family; and I express my sympathy to the people of Georgia, as you have lost a seminal trailblazer for civil rights.”

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